

1648



PTO/SB/21 (05-03)
Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/028,172	
	Filing Date	December 21, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Yoichi TAKAHAMA	
	Art Unit	1648	
	Examiner Name	B. Li	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	8	Attorney Docket Number	322732000401

RECEIVED
AUG 29 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2800

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	Return Postcard
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application		
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		
Remarks Customer No. 25225		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	MORRISON & FOERSTER LLP Bruce D. Grant - 47,608
Signature	
Date	August 25, 2003

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.	
Dated: 8/25/03	Signature: (Judy Bridgwater)



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Dated: August 25, 2003

Signature: Judy Bridgewater
(Judy Bridgewater)

#10/c
9/6/03
[Signature]

Docket No.: 322732000401
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Yoichi TAKAHAMA, et al

Application No.: 10/028,172

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: DIAGNOSTIC REAGENT FOR HEPATITIS C
VIRUS INFECTION

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: B. Li

RECEIVED
AUG 29 2003
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office communication mailed July 29, 2003, which set a time for response to expire on August 29, 2003. As this amendment is filed before August 29, 2003, no petition for an extension of time is required. Claims 13-30 were subject to a requirement for restriction in the communication. Careful consideration has been given to the requirement for restriction and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.